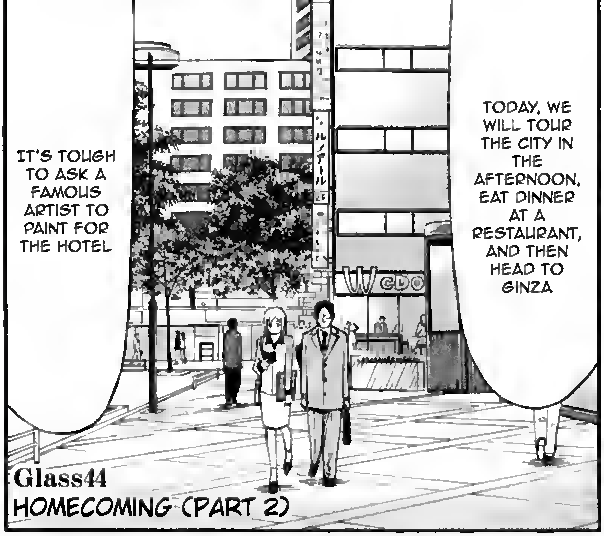
IT'S TOUGH TO ASK A FAMOUS ARTIST TO PAINT FOR THE HOTEL
TODAY, WE WILL TOUR THE CITY IN THE AFTERNOON, EAT DINNER AT A RESTAURANT, AND THEN HEAD TO GINZA
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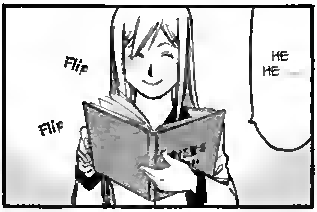
HOMECOMING (PART 2)

FINALLY GOT IN TOUCH WITH MASTER SAKATA

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A PAIN TO FOLLOW MASTER SAKATA AROUND ...

THE WANDERING SAINT
— BARON SAKATA COLLECTION —
THE WANDERING SAINT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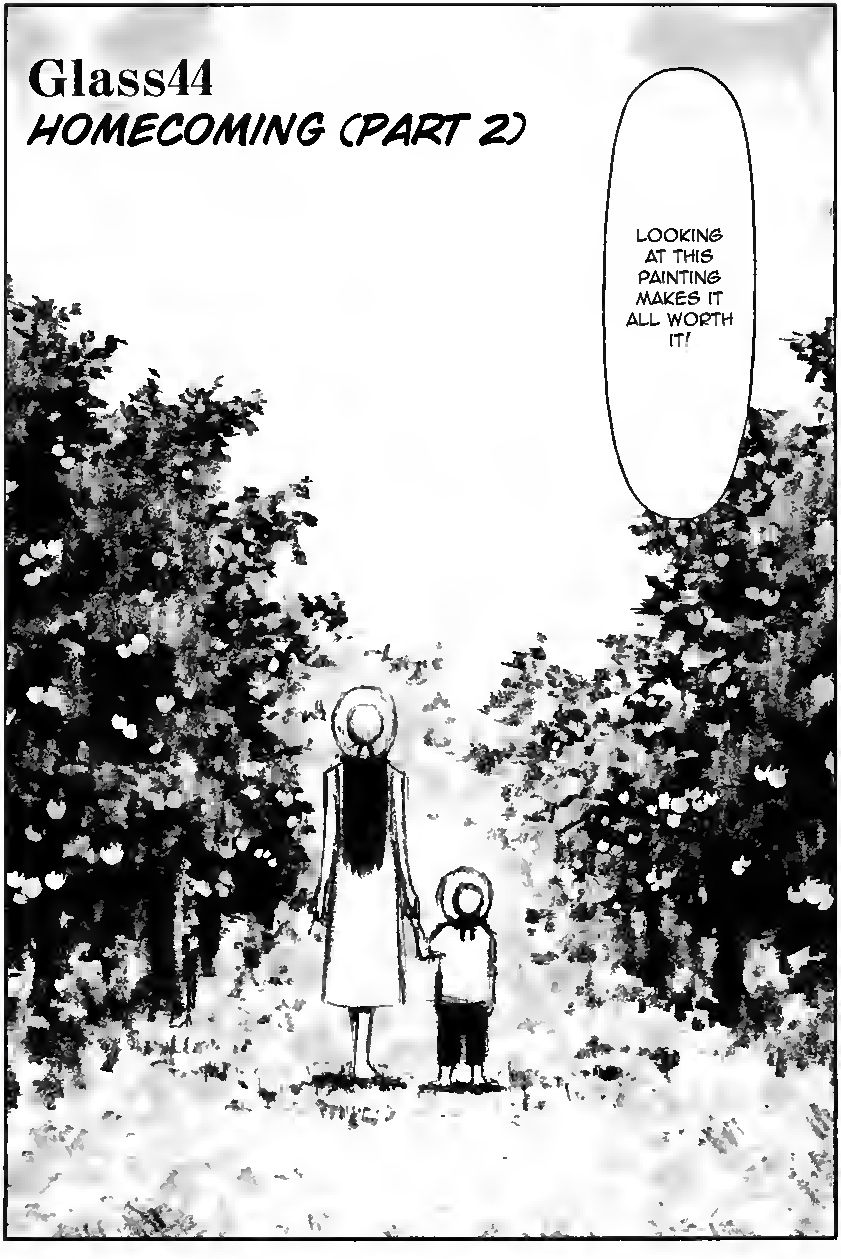

AS AN ARTIST, HE MAY BE A SAINT, BUT AS A HUMAN BEING, HE'S NOTHING BUT TRASH
TRASH?
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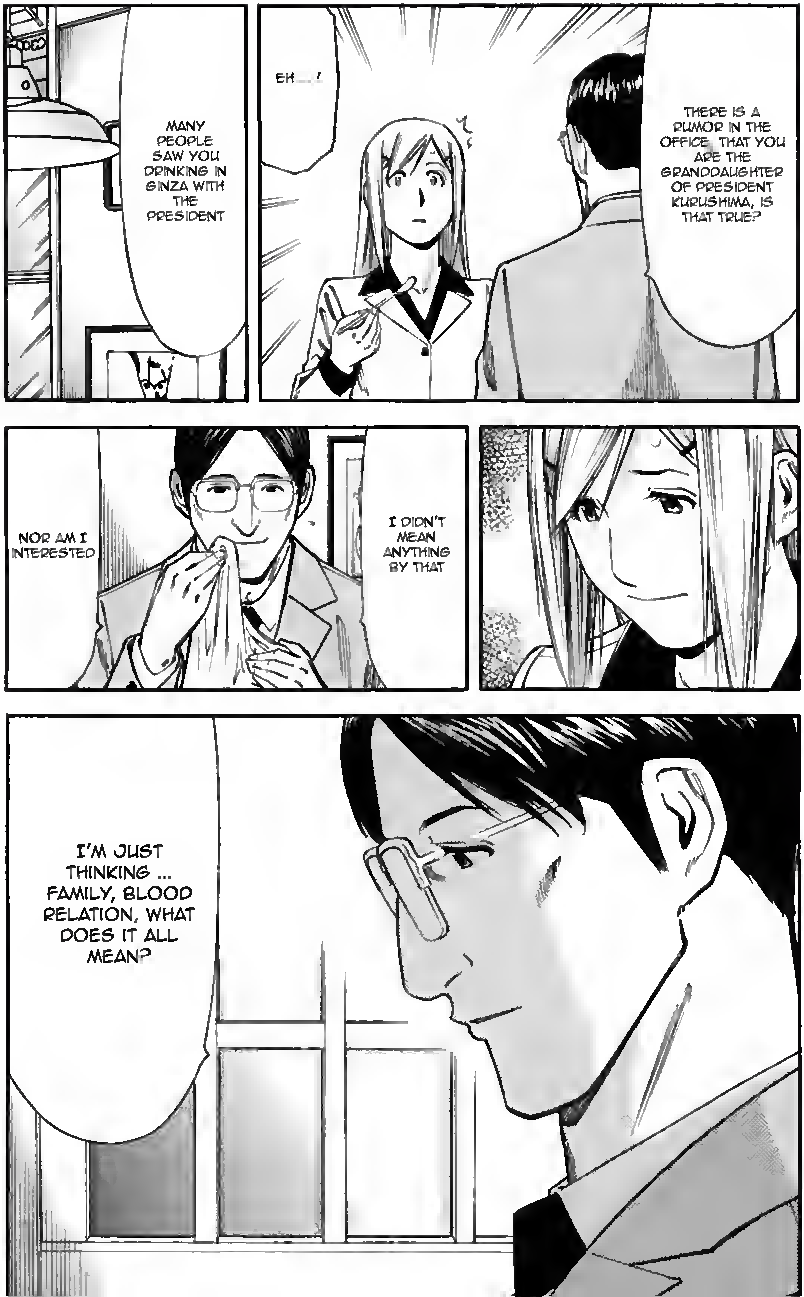
WHY DID YANAGISHITA-SAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT


MANY PEOPLE SAW YOU DRINKING IN GINZA WITH THE PRESIDENT
EH....!
THERE IS A RUMOR IN THE OFFICE, THAT YOU ARE THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT KUROSHIMA, IS THAT TRUE?
NOR AM I INTERESTED
I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY THAT
I'M JUST THINKING ... FAMILY, BLOOD RELATION, WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

...HE'S MY FATHER, HE ABANDONED MY MOTHER AND I 35 YEARS AGO
FAMILY? BLOOD RELATION? YANAGISHITA-SAN, ARE YOU RELATED TO BARON SAKATA...
Look
I'LL KEEP QUIET ABOUT YOUR SECRET SO PLEASE DON'T TELL THE MANAGER ABOUT THIS EITHER
Sift...
SINCE I KEPT MY MOTHER'S LAST NAME, I NEVER NOTICED
MY MOTHER TOLD ME EVERYTHING WHEN WE DECIDED TO SHOWCASE HIS WORK IN OUR NEW HOTEL
FA, FATHER!?
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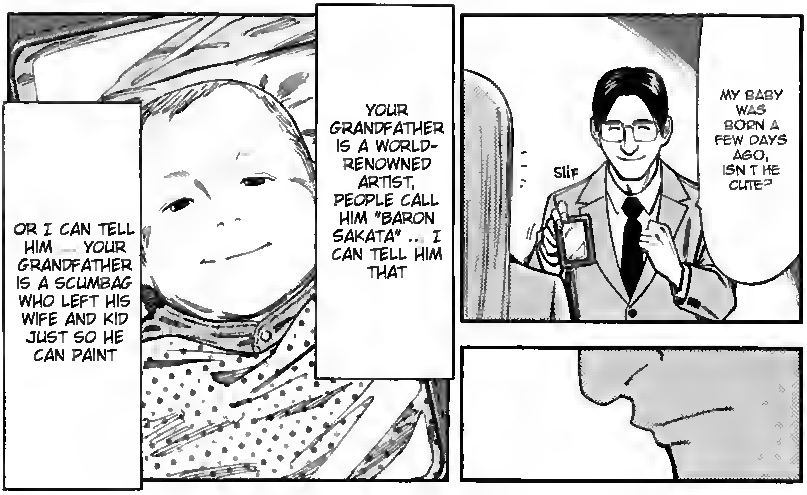
YOUR GRANDFATHER IS A WORLD-RENOWNED ARTIST. PEOPLE CALL HIM "BARON SAKATA" ... I CAN TELL HIM THAT
OR I CAN TELL HIM — YOUR GRANDFATHER IS A SCUMBAG WHO LEFT HIS WIFE AND KID JUST SO HE CAN PAINT
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MY BABY WAS BORN A FEW DAYS AGO, ISN'T HE CUTE?

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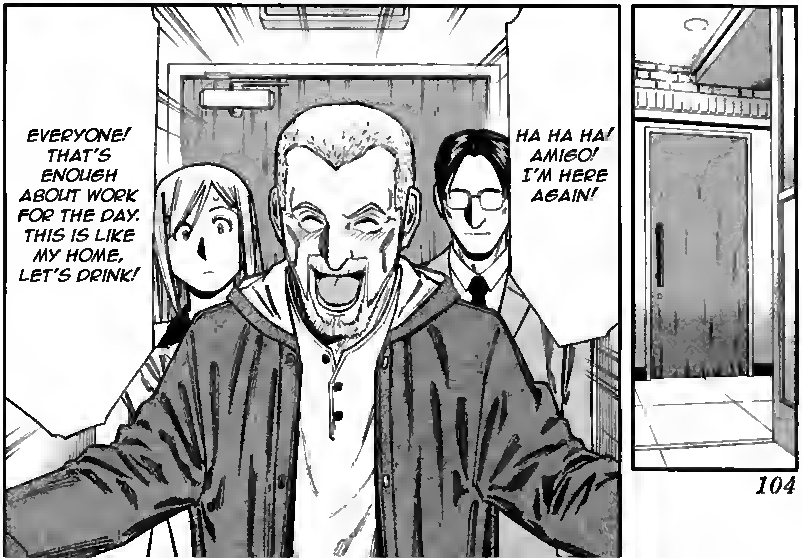
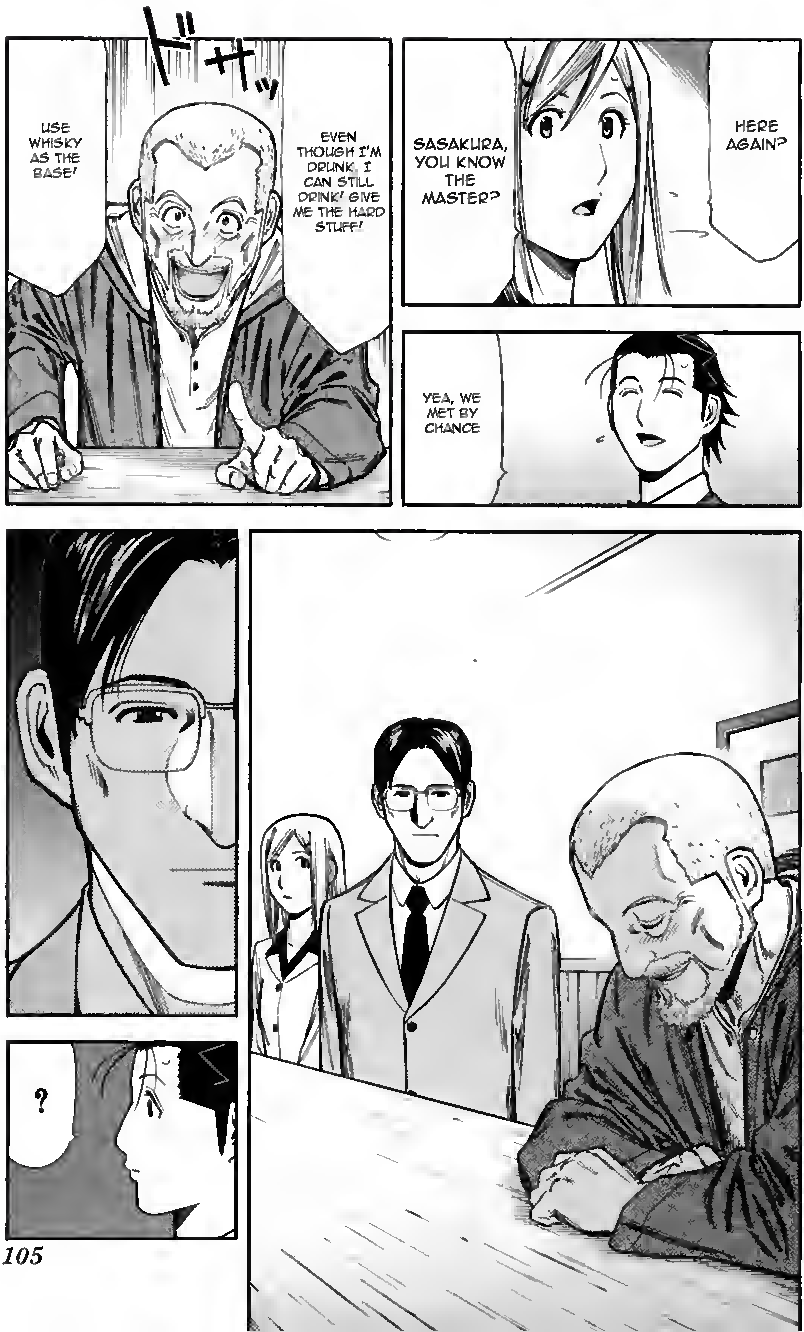
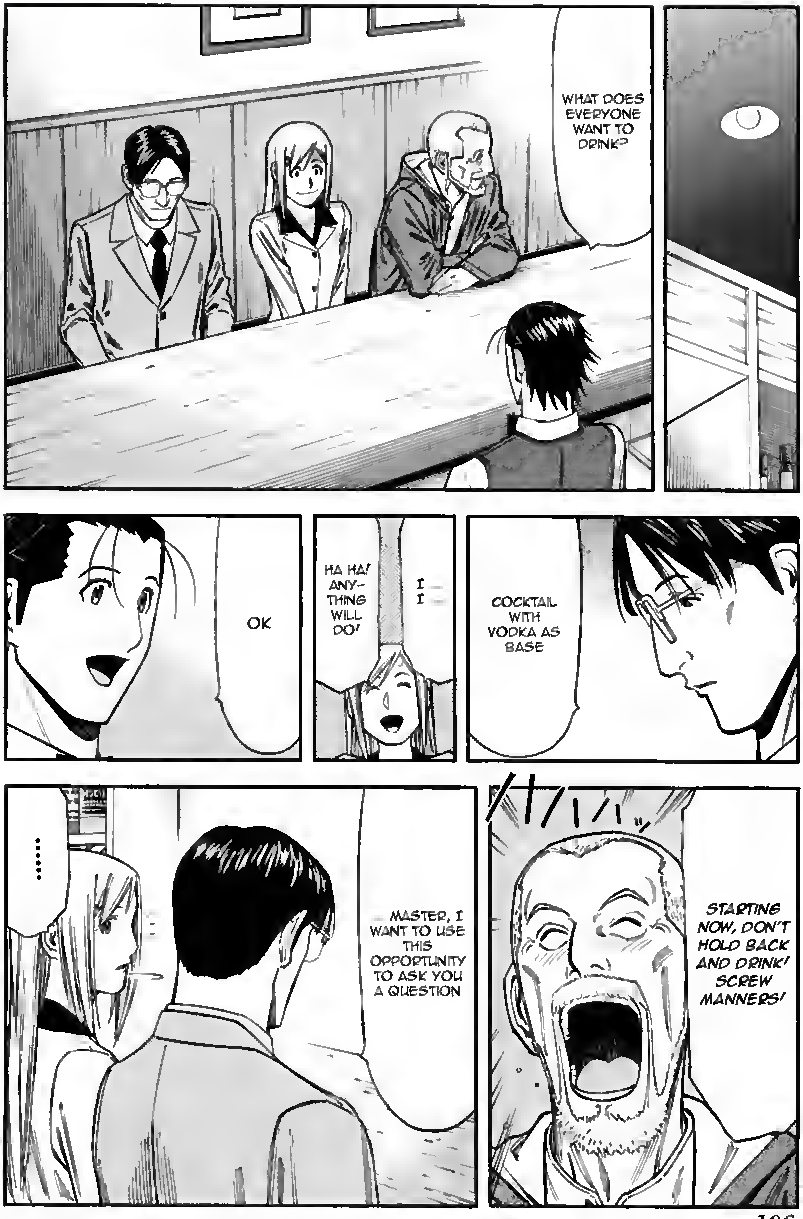

EVERYONE! THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT WORK FOR THE DAY. THIS IS LIKE MY HOME, LET'S DRINK!
HA HA HA! AMIGO! I'M HERE AGAIN!


USE WHISKY AS THE BASE!
EVEN THOUGH I'M DRUNK, I CAN STILL DRINK! GIVE ME THE HARD STUFF!
SASAKURA, YOU KNOW THE MASTER?
HERE AGAIN?
YEA, WE MET BY CHANCE
?


WHAT DOES EVERYONE WANT TO DRINK?
OK
HA HA! ANY-THING WILL DO!
I—I
COCKTAIL WITH VODKA AS BASE
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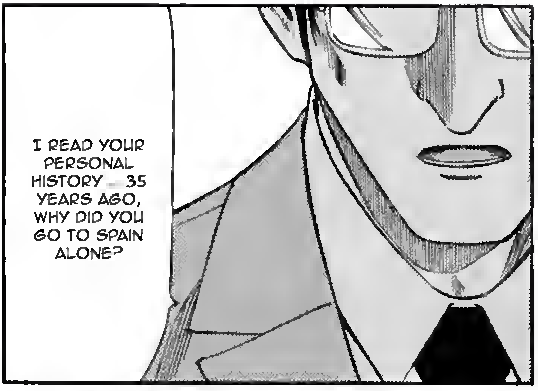
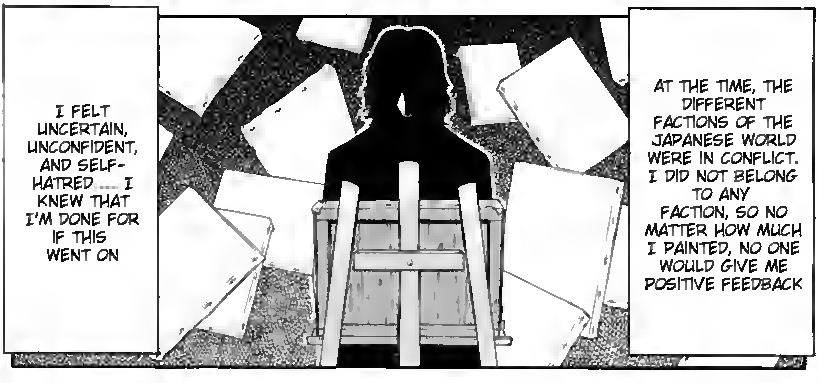
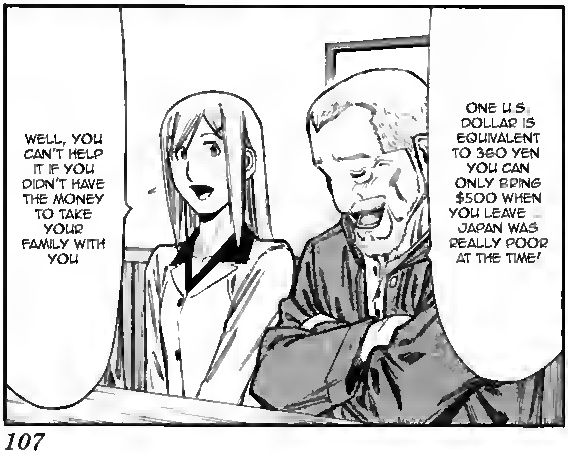
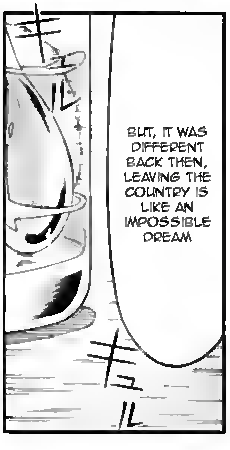
MASTER, I WANT TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK YOU A QUESTION
STARTING NOW, DON'T HOLD BACK AND DRINK! SCREW MANNERS!

35 YEARS AGO...


I READ YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY... 35 YEARS AGO, WHY DID YOU GO TO SPAIN ALONE?


I FELT UNCERTAIN, UNCONFIDENT, AND SELF-HATRED ... I KNEW THAT I'M DONE FOR IF THIS WENT ON
AT THE TIME, THE DIFFERENT FACTIONS OF THE JAPANESE WORLD WERE IN CONFLICT. I DID NOT BELONG TO ANY FACTION, SO NO MATTER HOW MUCH I PAINTED, NO ONE WOULD GIVE ME POSITIVE FEEDBACK


WELL, YOU CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY WITH YOU
ONE U.S. DOLLAR IS EQUIVALENT TO 360 YEN YOU CAN ONLY BRING $500 WHEN YOU LEAVE... JAPAN WAS REALLY POOR AT THE TIME!


BUT, IT WAS DIFFERENT BACK THEN, LEAVING THE COUNTRY IS LIKE AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

NO ... I COULD HAVE!
BUT I DECIDED TO ABANDON MY HOME, MY FAMILY, AND BECOME A DEMON
.....
ENJOY
Slide
EXACTLY
LIKE THE MOVIE "GOD FATHER"?
THIS IS GOD FATHER
AMARETTO 15 ML
WHISKY 45 ML
USE BRANDY INSTEAD OF WHISKY, AND IT BECOMES FRENCH CONNECTION
Slide ...

GOD, GOD FATHER! NICE! MASTER, WHICH MOVIE DO YOU LIKE
Slide
SWITCH IT TO VODKA, AND IT BECOMES GOD MOTHER
PEOPLE WHO ABANDON OTHERS CAN PROBABLY GIVE 100 REASONS FOR DOING SO!
MEMORY?
TO THE FAMILY THAT YOU ABANDONED, YOUR KID, THEY ONLY HAVE ONE MEMORY
BUT ...

... SADNESS. SINCE THEY DON'T KNOW YOU, EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO HATE, THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START
HA HA HA! YANAGISHITA! GOYA ONLY KNOWS HOW TO LIVE LIKE GOYA, AND DIEGO ROCK CAN ONLY LIVE DIEGO ROCK'S LIFE!
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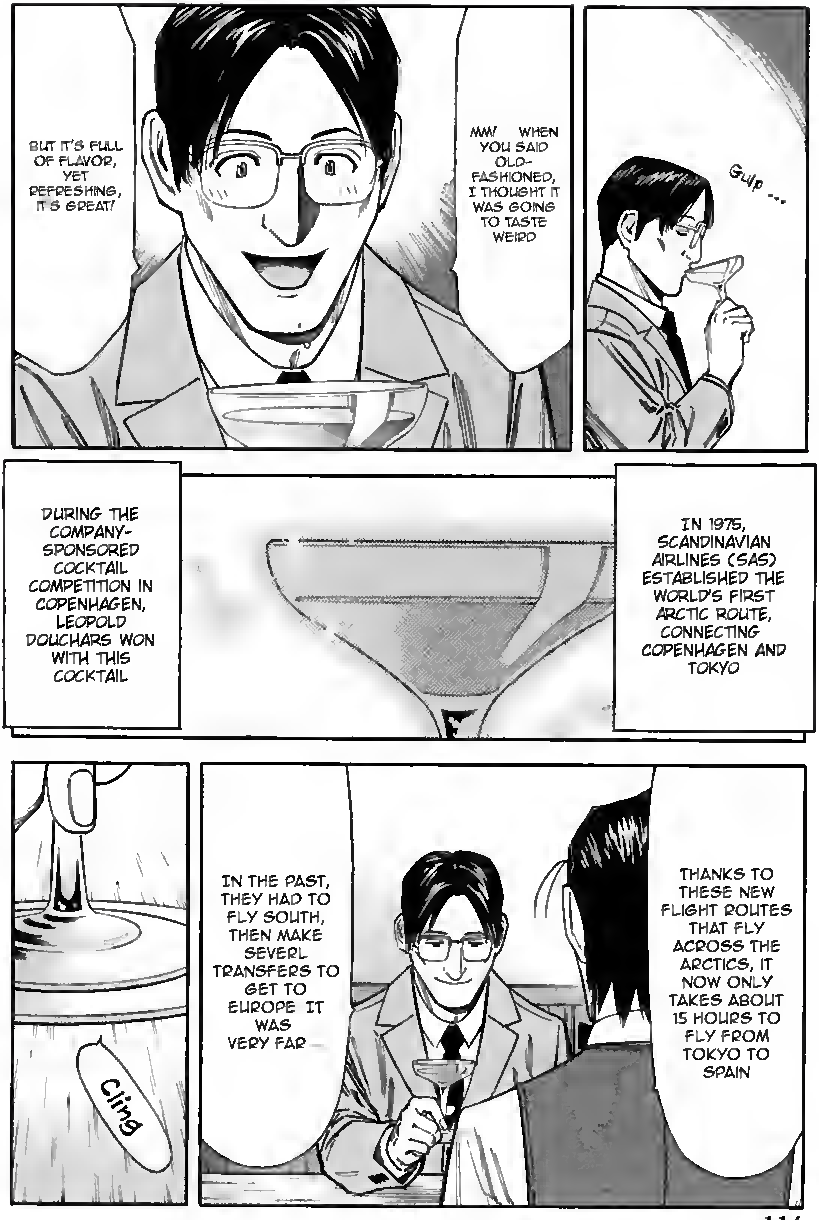
Shake
Shake
EACH PERSON
HAS THEIR OWN .. LIFE!
IT'S GREAT TO BE AN ARTIST AS LONG AS IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF ART ANYTHING CAN BE FORGIVEN
NOT JUST ARTISTS
Cringe ...
DON'T WORRY!
YANAGISHITA-SAN! YOU CAN'T SAY THAT—
HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE FAMILY HE ABANDONED AT ALL!
Hold tight ...
HE — REALLY IS A SCUM! ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS HIMESELF

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF SPECTACULAR ARTWORK HE PRODUCES, THE FAMILY HE ABANDONED WILL PROBABLY NEVER FORGIVE HIM!
Stare
HE'S ALREADY DREAMING HAPPILY ABOUT ALL HIS GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS
MRRW~
MRRW~
AT LEAST I WILL NEVER FORGIVE HIM!
DO YOU WANT TO TRY AN OLD-FASHIONED COCKTAIL AS YOUR LAST DRINK?
SURE! I'LL DRINK ANYTHING!
.....

THEN STIR
CHERRY BRANDY, DRY VERMOUTH, 15 ML EACH
DARK RUM, WHITE CURACAO
BACARDI
BLACK
ENJOY
Slide ...

WHICH MEANS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE THROUGH THE ARCTIC CIRCLE
THIS IS POLAR SHORT CUT


MM! WHEN YOU SAID OLD-FASHIONED, I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO TASTE WEIRD
BUT IT'S FULL OF FLAVOR, YET REFRESHING, IT'S GREAT!
Gulp ...
DURING THE COMPANY-SPONSORED COCKTAIL COMPETITION IN COPENHAGEN, LEOPOLD DOUCHARS WON WITH THIS COCKTAIL
IN 1975, SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES (SAS) ESTABLISHED THE WORLD'S FIRST ARCTIC ROUTE, CONNECTING COPENHAGEN AND TOKYO
Cling
IN THE PAST, THEY HAD TO FLY SOUTH, THEN MAKE SEVERL TRANSFERS TO GET TO EUROPE IT WAS VERY FAR...
THANKS TO THESE NEW FLIGHT ROUTES THAT FLY ACROSS THE ARCTICS, IT NOW ONLY TAKES ABOUT 15 HOURS TO FLY FROM TOKYO TO SPAIN

IF YOU AND YOUR FATHER CAN ESTABLISH A NEW SPIRITUAL FLIGHT PATH, THEN YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO BECOME CLOSER!
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KURUSHIMA, WAKE THE MASTER UP IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO
Click ...
WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN

IS THAT SO?

NEXT DAY

MY FATHER ...?

THANKS FOR ALL THE HARD WORK EVERYONE HAS PUT IN THIS TIME!
THE MASTER IS ALREADY ON THE RETURN FLIGHT!
HE ALSO PROMISED TO FINISH HIS WORK ASAP. I WON'T GET FIRED. THE WORLD IS AT PEACE! LET'S DRINK ALL NIGHT ~ CHEERS!
CHE-ERS!
CHE-ERS!
HIS ATTITUDE IS SO ANNOYING
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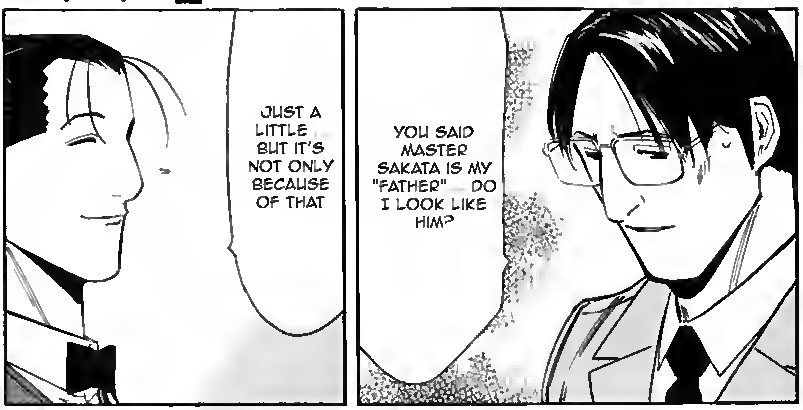
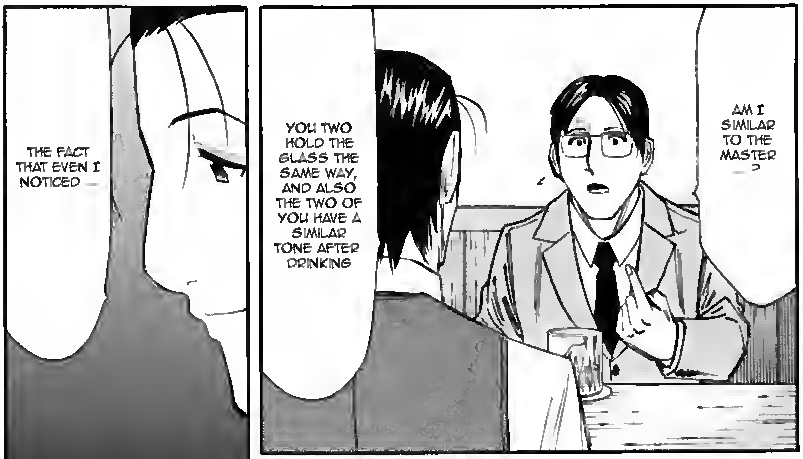
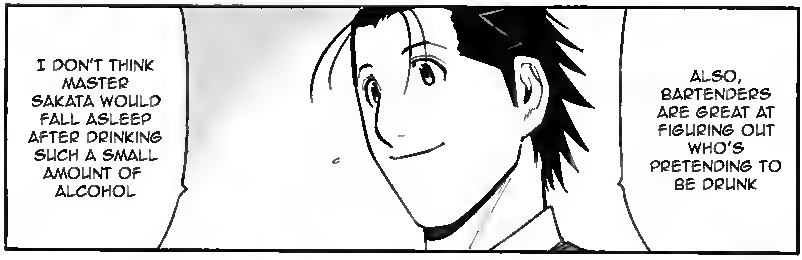
MR BARTENDER, BEFORE I LEFT YESTERDAY, YOU SAID SOMETHING STRANGE TO ME, DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?
AH! OH RIGHT ...
DID I?

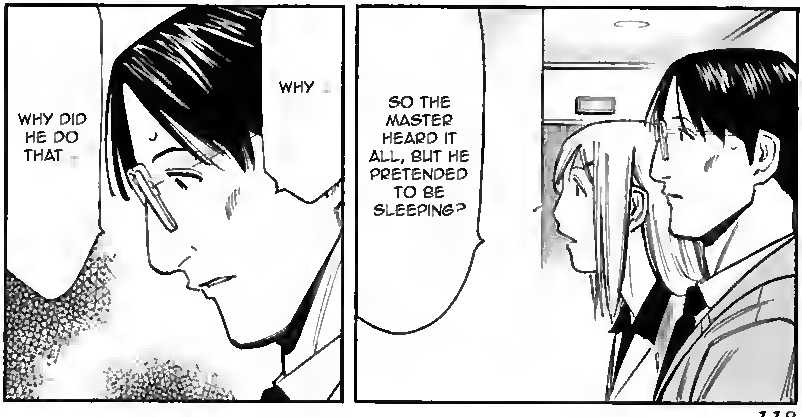

JUST A LITTLE... BUT IT'S NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THAT
YOU SAID MASTER SAKATA IS MY "FATHER"... DO I LOOK LIKE HIM?

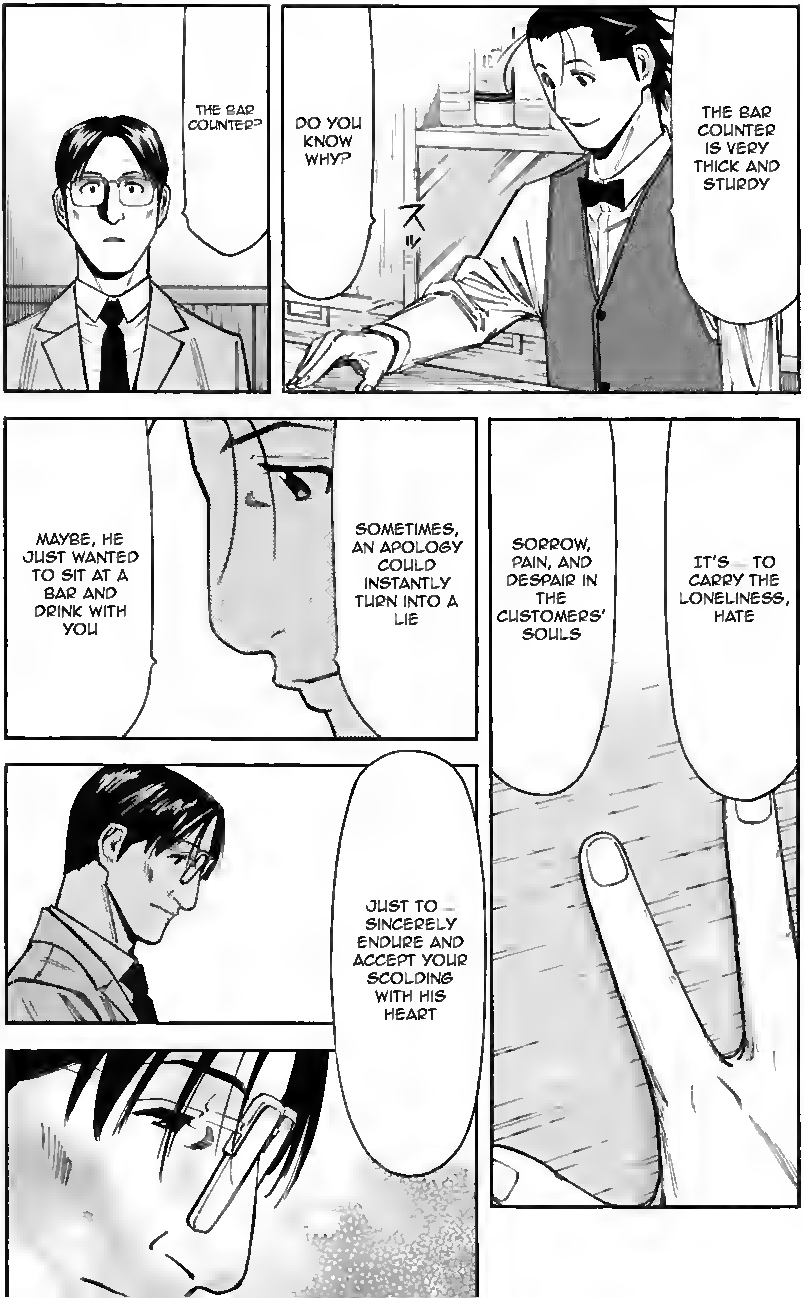
WE USE DRINKING HABITS, INTERESTS, HOW THE CUSTOMER HOLDS THE GLASS, WHERE THEY PLACE THEIR ELBOWS, HOW THEY HANDLE CIGARETTES, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, TO REMEMBER WHO THE CUSTOMERS ARE
HOW DO BARTENDERS REMEMBER CUSTOMERS' FACES... TO BE HONEST, IT'S SO DARK IN A BAR THAT IT'S HARD TO SEE CLEARLY


THE FACT THAT EVEN I NOTICED...
YOU TWO HOLD THE GLASS THE SAME WAY, AND ALSO THE TWO OF YOU HAVE A SIMILAR TONE AFTER DRINKING
AM I SIMILAR TO THE MASTER...?

MEANS THAT AS AN ARTIST, HE MUST'VE FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE RIGHT AWAY...


I DON'T THINK MASTER SAKATA WOULD FALL ASLEEP AFTER DRINKING SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL
ALSO, BARTENDERS ARE GREAT AT FIGURING OUT WHO'S PRETENDING TO BE DRUNK


WHY...
WHY DID HE DO THAT...
SO THE MASTER HEARD IT ALL, BUT HE PRETENDED TO BE SLEEPING?


THE BAR COUNTER?
DO YOU KNOW WHY?
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THE BAR COUNTER IS VERY THICK AND STURDY
MAYBE, HE JUST WANTED TO SIT AT A BAR AND DRINK WITH YOU
SOMETIMES, AN APOLOGY COULD INSTANTLY TURN INTO A LIE
SORROW, PAIN, AND DESPAIR IN THE CUSTOMERS' SOULS
IT'S — TO CARRY THE LONELINESS, HATE
JUST TO — SINCERELY ENDURE AND ACCEPT YOUR SCOLDING WITH HIS HEART

EVEN THOUGH I DONT' THINK A SINGLE GLASS OF LIQUOR CAN SHORTEN THE DISTANCE MADE THROUGH 35 YEARS OF SEPARATION
— CAN I HAVE ANOTHER GLASS OF "POLAR SHORTCUT"?

AND I HOPE, NEXT TIME, YOU WILL COME WITH "YOUR FATHER" ...
MIKIMOTO
I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WOULD COME AND DRINK HERE AGAIN

CAN I ORDER A COCKTAIL?

MISS ...

Smile

I WANT A GLASS OF "POLAR SHORTCUT" ... YESTERDAY, "MY SON" DRANK IT AND HE ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH!

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